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Sir:

Pursuant to the Duty to Disclose under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby discloses information that may be relevant to the Examiner's consideration of the above-identified application and the patentability of its claims.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Form PTO/SB/08A, with reference cited therein are submitted for consideration by the Examiner. The reference was cited in the Office Action in the corresponding European patent application to the present application.

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This Statement is being filed prior to the issuance of the first Office Action for the present application, and this paper is thus submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). In addition, it is certified that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. In view of the above certification, a fee is not required for consideration of this document. Nevertheless, should a fee be deemed to be due by the Commissioner, such fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0951. Applicants submit that the present invention is patentable over these references.

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